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Committee on Publication.—Dr. Bridges, Mr. T. P. James, Dr. Ed. Hartshorne, Prof. Coppée, Dr. Wistar.

Committee on Hall.—Mr. F. Peale, Judge King, Prof. Coppée.

Committee on Library.—Dr. Bell, Rev. Dr. Stevens, Dr. Coates, Mr. Price, Rev. Mr. Barnes.

The list of surviving members was read, and corrected by the announcement of the death of Prof. Joseph S. Hubbard.

## Summary.

On the List, Jan. 7, 1863, U. S., 255, Foreign	, 136
Elected in the year 1863, U.S., 24, "	16
Deceased reported in 1863, U. S., 12, "	
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1863, U. S., 267, "	148

Pending nominations, Nos. 506, 507, and new nomination 508, were read.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for members, and the ballot boxes being opened by the President, the following persons were declared duly elected members of the Society.

Prof. A. Morlot, of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Prof. Thomas Chase, of Haverford, Pennsylvania.

And the Society was adjourned.

## Stated Meeting, February 5, 1864.

Present, twenty-one members.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

Letters accepting membership were received from Prof. Thompson, dated Copenhagen, November 11, 1863, and from Prof. De Koninck, dated Liège, January 15, 1864.

A letter was read from the Royal Society, dated London, January 7, 1864, requesting the co-operation of this Society in completing or making as perfect as possible the Catalogue 1864.] 329

of Scientific Memoirs, for some time in course of preparation by the Royal Society, and now nearly ready for publication. A list of Journals and Transactions of societies included in the Index accompanied the letter.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of publications were read from the London Geological Society, November 4, 1863; the Royal Astronomical Society, London, October 17; the Scientific Commission of the Royal Zoological Society of Amsterdam, August 25; Mr. Troyon, of Lausanne, August 7; the Royal Academy at Turin, August 11, and the Royal Saxon Society at Leipsig, October 10, 1863.

Letters announcing or accompanying donations for the Library were received from the Harvard Observatory, January 20, 1864; the Royal Geological Society, London, November 20, 1863; the Royal Zoological Society at Amsterdam, August 25; the Royal Saxon Society, Leipsig, August 22 and 29, and the Imperial Academy at Vienna, August 25, 1863.

Donations for the Library were announced from the Academy at St. Petersburg; the Central Russian Observatory; the German Geological Society; the Royal Saxon Society; the Imperial Geological Institute and Imperial Academy at Vienna; the New Astronomical Society at Heidelburg; the Royal Zoological Society at Amsterdam; the Geographical Society, and M. Delesse, at Paris; M. Des Moulins, of Bordeaux; The Royal Academy at Turin; the Royal Society, Royal Institution, Royal Astronomical, Royal Zoological, Chemical, and Linnean Societies, and Society of Arts, of London; the Bath Agricultural Society; the Royal Dublin Society; Harvard College; Mr. G. P. Bond; the American Academy; the Boston Society of Natural History; the American Journal of Science; the Academy of Natural Sciences; Mr. F. Leypoldt, Messrs. Blanchard and Lea, and Mr. Isaac Lea, of Philadelphia; Mr. T. U. Walter, of Washington, and Mr. A. S. Taylor, of San Francisco.

Donations of photographs for the Album were reported as follows: two of Richard Lepsius, one of L. De Koninck, one of David's bust of Humboldt, one of J. F. Encke, one of M. Troyon, one of Leopold Von Buch, and one of M. Delesse.

Mr. Price continued the reading of his communication upon "The Family as an Element of Government."

Pending nomination No. 508 was read.

The letter of the Secretary of the Royal Society was then considered, and on motion, the subject was referred to the Secretaries, with power to act.

And the Society was adjourned.

## Stated Meeting, February 19, 1864.

Present, fifteen members.

Dr. Wood, President, in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Thomas Chase, dated West Haverford, February 18th, 1864.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of publications were received from the German Geological Society, Berlin, November 5th, and the University of Toronto, February 8th, 1864, and a photograph of Mr. Fraley for the Album.

Donations for the Library were received from the Vaudois Society of Sciences, and the Museum at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

An obituary notice of Dr. Darlington was read by Mr. T. P. James.

## AN OBITUARY NOTICE OF DR. WILLIAM DARLINGTON,

Read before the American Philosophical Society, February 19th, 1864, by Mr. T. P. James.

The usual reproach charged upon scientific men, of unfitness for the duties of practical life, cannot be urged against the subject of this sketch, for versatility of talents, joined with great executive ability, caused his opinion to be eagerly sought for, and his judgment highly valued.

William Darlington in early life had few educational advantages; possessing, however, energy of character and great perseverance, he was enabled by his fondness for study to enrich his mind with lore from the writings of the best authors in most of the ancient and modern languages. He had the rare faculty of improving every